



# INDONESIA

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Dear Co-laborers,

The peak of our rainy season occurs during the months of January and February. Even though heavy rains sometimes cause flooding and traffic jams, rain is considered a blessing. Not only does it provide water for crops and replenish wells, but also it brings slightly cooler weather. During these months, besides many rain showers, we have also received many showers of spiritual blessings.

Our annual fellowship meeting of national pastors, church workers, and missionaries was held January 14-16, 2025, in Central Java. Brother Niranjan was our guest speaker, and he encouraged those present to be actively training church workers and leaders for the ongoing work of the ministry. After the meeting, several national pastors from other provinces of Indonesia asked me to come to their churches later this year to hold Sunday School teacher workshops.

A new semester of our Bible colleges started on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I have a combined total of twenty-two students for my classes *Teaching Techniques* and *Practice Teaching*. It is especially encouraging to have several new students in my classes who had grown up attending our Sunday Schools. Their desire is to prepare themselves to be Sunday Schools teachers.

February 11, 2025, marked a milestone. It was on that day fifty years ago that I arrived in Jakarta, Indonesia, to begin my ministry. The years have flown by. There have been many obstacles and challenges; but the joy of seeing children and young people come to Christ, grow in the Lord, and then go on to serve Him outweigh all of the difficulties.

A city-wide ladies meeting for national pastors' wives, lady missionaries, and ladies who minister in our churches was held at Agape Independent Baptist Church on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. I had been asked to speak, and God lead me to teach on *Guarding Your Heart*. There were 120 ladies in attendance, and we had a sweet time of fellowship together. Several of these ladies I have known for all of my 50 years here, some were new faces, while others were the children of pastors whom I have taught through the years in Bible college, who are now serving the Lord.

The last two months have been filled with showers of blessings and opportunities to minister and train others. Thank you so very much for your faithful prayers and support that enable the ministry here to continue.

His for Indonesia,

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*My first Sunday in Indonesia, February 1975*

